

Through the dedicated work of the Marin Humane Society, 8,000 animals each year find refuge, rehabilitation, and loving homes. This has included efforts to rescue animals lost and injured in disasters, such as the Oakland firestorm of 1991.

It is particularly noteworthy that in 2005, the organization brought over 2,500 Hurricane Katrina animal victims to bay area shelters and out of harm's way through its rescue effort, "Orphans of the Storm." In partnership with commercial airlines, these pet airlifts were a first for the Nation and protected the lives of thousands of animals. Funded solely from private benefactors and coordinated by the Marin Humane Society, nine flights of lost animals arrived in the bay area in the 2 months following the disaster. Additional flights carried animals to southern California, Oregon, and Washington, where other animal shelters and rescue groups agreed to offer refuge.

The Marin Humane Society's admirable milestones continued in 2006, when it adopted its 250,000th animal to a loving home.

When in 1997 the Marin Humane Society staff felt they had made significant progress on controlling the pet overpopulation problem in Marin County, they decided to expand their services to neighboring counties through their Pet Partnership program. Volunteers brought thousands of dogs and cats from congested shelters in other communities to Marin to give them a second chance.

I am so pleased to acknowledge the Marin Humane Society's long and distinguished record of community service. Over the past century, the organization has educated children and adults on the importance of humane treatment of animals; provided comprehensive veterinary care and rehabilitation for neglected and abused animals; provided pet adoption services and dog training programs; and advocated for animal welfare policy on the local, State and Federal level.

I commend the Marin Humane Society staff and volunteers for their compassion and commitment to protecting and caring for our society's lost, neglected, and abused animals. They do a tremendous service to the greater community and are deserving of the highest recognition for their large hearts and generous ways. Please join me in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Marin Humane Society.●

HONORING DR. W. RON DeHAVEN

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I would like to take a moment to honor Dr. W. Ron DeHaven, Administrator of the Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, APHIS, and to congratulate him on his retirement from public service. Dr. DeHaven has served the agency for 28 years during which he has contributed greatly to the agency's mission of pro-

moting and protecting U.S. agriculture.

Dr. DeHaven began his APHIS career working in a field office for the veterinary services program in 1979. He later joined the agency's animal care program, rising to the top position in 1996. From 2001 to 2002 he served as the APHIS acting associate administrator, and in 2002, became head of the agency's veterinary services program.

As the Nation's chief veterinarian, he played a leading role as the agency faced the first U.S. detection of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, BSE, in 2003. His handling of this situation—as well as other animal health emergencies—showcased his trademark straightforward leadership style and calm demeanor. These challenges prepared him well for the role of APHIS Administrator, which he assumed in 2004.

As Administrator, he has skillfully guided his agency and communicated with the public, Congress, and USDA's many stakeholders. He worked conscientiously to position APHIS to prevent and respond to such threats as highly pathogenic avian influenza, exotic Newcastle disease, sudden oak death, Asian longhorned beetle and citrus diseases.

Dr. DeHaven's dedication, work ethic, and personal commitment to excellence have served U.S. agriculture well and ensured a healthy and abundant food supply for U.S. consumers.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. DONOGHUE

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I welcome this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to Michael J. Donoghue on his retirement from the Worcester Regional Retirement System. I commend him for his impressive service to the people of Worcester for the past 30 years, and I know he will be deeply missed by all those he helped and supported.

Mike's impressive career extends well beyond his time at Worcester Regional Retirement System. He served two terms on the Worcester City Council before being elected Worcester County treasurer in 1978, and his outstanding experience and knowledge of the issues made him a valuable member of many charitable organizations in our city.

Mike also has served on the board of directors of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives, and he had an invaluable role over the years in establishing Worcester as a center for medical research.

All of us in our State owe Mike our gratitude for his skillful efforts on behalf of the less fortunate. Over the years, he has given his skills and impressive leadership to the board of directors for the Visiting Nurses Association Network Foundation, the Worcester Area Mental Health Association, the Worcester Area United Way, and Special Olympics of Massachusetts.

It has been an honor to call Mike a friend, and I am especially grateful for his decades of kindness to the Kennedy family. I have relied often on Mike over the years for his advice and wise counsel, and I commend him for his service and dedication. It is a special privilege to join his wife Maureen, their children and grandchildren in congratulating him for all he has achieved in his many years of outstanding service to our Commonwealth, and I wish him well in the years ahead.●

ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, today, on behalf of the Greek Cypriot population of Rhode Island and Greek Cypriots around the world, I recognize the 33rd anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

At 5:30 a.m. 33 years ago today, heavily armed Turkish troops landed on a narrow northern beachhead in Cyprus 5 days after Greek Cypriot nationalists ousted then-President Archbishop Makarios. The invasion and subsequent occupation was described by Turkey as a "peace operation" to protect the minority Turkish population living in Cyprus from being victimized in the aftermath of the coup.

However, during the next 2 months, over 200,000 Greek Cypriots fled south or were expelled by Turkish forces. The Turkish Cypriots took over 37 percent of the island and then called a ceasefire, leaving the Greek Cypriots, 82 percent of the population, with under two-thirds of Cyprus. In 1983, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus declared itself a country. Currently, Turkey is the only nation that recognizes this self-declaration of statehood.

Despite international efforts over the last 30 years to reunify the island, Cyprus has remained divided with more than 40,000 Turkish troops occupying its northern third. The United Nations Security Council and General Assembly have worked to determine an equally agreeable solution, but talks between the Greek Cypriot south and the Turkish Cypriot north consistently end in a stalemate.

A survey completed in February 2007 by the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus found that a majority of both Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities view the United Nations' presence on the island as a positive. Both see any withdrawal scenario involving the U.N. departing before restoration of normal conditions and a settlement being reached as a negative. We must applaud the continued efforts of the United Nations and the focus of Cypriot leaders to reunite a divided Cyprus and remain, ourselves, committed to ushering the settlement process forward. Cypriot, Mediterranean, and United States interests will benefit from a settlement that addresses all legitimate concerns of both sides and promotes the stability of a hostile region.